

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2008  
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart  
Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Morris  
Aldermen: Scott Benfield  
Nick Bishop  
Donnie Hinson  
C. E. Spear  
Ken Womble

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith and Attorney Rivers Lawther.

Mayor Everhart opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION – Alderman Benfield thanked Don Ward for the use of his building for the Hometown Holidays Celebration.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD – North Rowan Elementary School recognized Sophia Collins.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 08-05 (PARKING)

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 08-05, CONCERNING OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACES OF ASSEMBLY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:  
AYES: BENFIELD, HINSON, MORRIS, SPEAR, WOMBLE  
NAYS: BISHOP**

2. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 08-06 (PARKING)

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 08-06, CONCERNING OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER USES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 14 AND THE CALLED MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS were given by Chairmen of their respective Committees. Mayor Everhart reported that the owner of the parking lot at 520 South Salisbury Avenue wants to sell his property and referred that item to the Finance Committee for their review.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Public Works Director Barry Pruett, Police Chief Robert Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief Terry Smith, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson (in writing), and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

6. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO REFER THE POSSIBLE SALE OF THE OLD FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR STUDY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Regarding the Town Christmas decorations, and specifically, the “Merry Christmas” signs across Salisbury Avenue, **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE GETTING THE LIGHT POLE INSTALLED ON THE NORTH END OF SALISBURY AVENUE AND ALSO HIRE AN ELECTRICIAN TO GO AHEAD AND PUT POWER ON FOR THOSE LIGHTS AT THAT LOCATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO ACCEPT THE POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT FOR SEASONAL HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, THE DUKE ENERGY SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR SEASONAL HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, AND TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING SIGNS TO SPAN ACROSS SALISBURY AVENUE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The consensus of the Board was to schedule a called meeting on December 12 at 6:00 p.m. for an update on 127/129 Fifth Street.

Spencer Business Association representatives showed pictures of the “Merry Christmas” signs that were recreated with the help of the NRHS cabinetry students.

NEW BUSINESS

7. OPEN COMMENT – Margaret Waddell reported that toys would be collected at the December Cruise-in Event.

8. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – PLANNING BOARD

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPOINT CRAIG POWERS TO FILL THE TERM OF TIM PROPER ON THE PLANNING BOARD, TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2010. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. POLICE RADIO UPGRADE

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF POLICE RADIO UPGRADES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. RESOLUTION – VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO VETERANS AT THE W. G. (BILL) HEFNER VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. PROPERTY LIEN

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE THE LIEN AGAINST 600 EIGHTH STREET FOR \$306.00. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – MONITORING WELLS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY U.R.S. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. LONGEVITY PAY FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF FY 08-09 LONGEVITY PAY FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES.**

**MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY BY ELECTRONIC AUCTION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

15. RESOLUTION – FIRE CODE

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NORTH CAROLINA FIRE CODE AND ALL OF ITS APPENDIX'S AND AUTHORIZING ROWAN COUNTY TO ENFORCE SAID FIRE CODE IN THE TOWN OF SPENCER. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

16. OTHER BUSINESS

Board members discussed the possible need for changes in requirements for development in the I-85 area. A joint meeting of the Board of Aldermen and the Planning Board will be scheduled around the first of next year before the annual planning retreat.

17. CLOSED SESSION – TOWN MANAGER'S EVALUATION

The Board recessed into a closed session to conduct the Town Manager's performance evaluation.

Following the closed session, **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO GIVE THE TOWN MANAGER A 5% SALARY INCREASE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC  
Clerk to the Board

